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ABSTRACT

This dictionary is designed to provide an inventory of English usage in the Caribbean environment and lifestyle as known and spoken in each territory but not recorded in the standard British and American desk dictionaries. It cross-references different names for the same item throughout the anglophone Caribbean, identifies different items called by the same name in different territories, notes the acceptability of certain word-forms and usages frequently encountered in speech and writing, provides some account of the status and function of certain dialectal forms, offers guidance as to the form and function of French Creole loan words, provides lexical explanations of a number of Hindu and Muslim terms occurring increasingly in the Caribbean culture, expands regional acronyms, offers rationalization or guide for the authentication of spellings, lists idiomatic expressions derived from or associated with headwords, gives etymological information as available, and identifies regional pronunciation where necessary or useful. French and Spanish supplements are also included. (MSE)

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